

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Order Instituting Rulemaking Regarding  
the Implementation of the Suspension of  
Direct Access Pursuant to Assembly Bill  
1X and Decision 01-09-060.

Rulemaking 02-01-011  
(Filed January 9, 2002)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING  
SHORTENING TIME TO RESPOND TO ANY APPLICATIONS  
FOR REHEARING OF DECISION 03-04-057**

Decision (D.) 03-04-057, regarding disposition of Albertson's Petition for Modification, was adopted by the Commission at the meeting of April 17, 2003, and mailed to the parties on April 22, 2003. The decisions construed, applied, implemented, and interpreted certain provisions of Assembly Bill 1 of the Legislature's First Extraordinary Session of 2001-2002 (Stats. 2001, Ch. 4) (AB1X).

Senate Bill 31 of the First Extraordinary Session of 2001-2002 (Stats. 2001, Ch. 9) amended Public Utilities Code Section 1731, and added Pub. Util. Code § 1768. Section 1731(c) requires that as a prerequisite for filing a cause of action "in any court," an application for rehearing of a Commission decision construing, applying, or implementing the provisions of AB1X must be filed within ten days after the date of issuance of the decision. (Pub. Util. Code, § 1731, subd. (c).) Accordingly, applications for rehearing of D.03-04-057 are due ten days after the issuance of those decisions.<sup>1</sup> Applications for rehearing of these decisions must

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<sup>1</sup> In the decision, the Commission specifically noted the applicability of § 1731(c), and in particular the 10-day time for filing applications for rehearing.

be filed by May 2, 2003. Any application for rehearing shall be served by electronic mail on those parties who have provided an e-mail address, and by first class mail or other expeditious mode of delivery to those who have not provided an e-mail address. In addition, any application for rehearing shall also be electronically served on the following Commission staff: Mary McKenzie (mfm@cpuc.ca.gov).

Section 1731(c) also requires the Commission to “issue its decision and order on rehearing within 20 days after the filing of that application.” In order to issue decisions and orders on rehearing of D.03-04-057 within the applicable timeframe, the Commission will need to take up consideration of any applications for rehearing at its regularly scheduled meeting on May 22, 2003.

Pursuant to Rule 86.2 of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure, a response to an application for rehearing may be filed no later than 15 days after the day the application for rehearing is filed. Consequently, under the expedited schedule, responses would not be due until May 19, 2003, three days before the May 22, 2003 Commission meeting. Therefore, so that the Commission may consider responses to any applications for rehearing that may be filed, the time for filing responses must be shortened. Although the Commission is not obligated to withhold a decision on an application for rehearing to allow time for a response to be filed,<sup>2</sup> the time for filing a response to any application for rehearing shall be shortened to May 9, 2003. Accordingly, any party planning to file a response to any application for rehearing that may be filed shall file and serve the response on or before May 9, 2003. Any response shall be served by electronic mail on those parties who have provided an e-mail address, and by

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<sup>2</sup> See Rule 86.2 of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure.

first class mail or other expeditious mode of delivery to those who have not provided an e-mail address. In addition, any responses shall also be electronically served on the following Commission staff: Mary McKenzie (mfm@cpuc.ca.gov).

Therefore, **IT IS RULED** that the time for filing a response to any applications for rehearing of D.03-04-057 that may be filed shall be shortened. Any party filing responses to such applications for rehearing shall file the responses on or before May 9, 2003, and shall serve the responses in the manner specified above. Any party filing an application for rehearing of D.03-04-057 shall file the application on or before May 2, 2003, and shall serve the responses in the manner specified above.

Dated April 22, 2003, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ THOMAS R. PULSIFER

Thomas R. Pulsifer  
Administrative Law Judge

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that I have by mail, and by electronic mail, to the parties to which an electronic mail address has been provided, this day served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Shortening Time to Respond to Any Applications for Rehearing of D.03-04-057 on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated April 22, 2003, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ NELLY SARMIENTO

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